



Human Services Commission
Meeting Summary
Monday, September 14, 2015, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Members Present: Jason Dick, Carolyn Mansfield, Valerie Bays, Steve Daschle, Josh McQueen
Staff: Brooke Buckingham, Alaric Bien

Public Comment: none

August 10 Meeting Summary: approved

Updates from Commissioners:

- Faith org/community engagement – Josh has had conversations with Camp Unity but don't know that Overlake Christian Church (OCC) could host them next. OCC has been talking to Lake Washington United Methodist Church (LWUMC) and OCC may do car camping for men or men and women without kids. OCC has been providing showers for LWUMC car campers, about 30-40/week.
- Homelessness – Carolyn reported that the Task Force wrapped up and will present recommendations to Council 9/22. Commission would like to see report before the 10/13 joint study session.
- Employment and job training – Kellen was absent
- Youth – Val and Steve will finish up the job description and bring back to RYPAC. Will put process and goals on next month's agenda. Val will help with interview process. Staff have shared flyer with RYPAC.

Updates from Staff:

- Pilar is moving through the appointment process.
- Staff visited Redmond High School to recruit youth advisors for the Commission.
- World Dance Party is happening this Saturday.
- Winter shelter will open
 - Oct 1 – Oct 31: 24 hour shelter for single men and women at International Paper site
 - Nov 1 – Apr 30: regular winter shelter for single men at International Paper site
 - Oct 15 – Dec 31: women and families at Redmond United Methodist Church
 - Jan 1 – March 31: women and families at St. Peter's Episcopal
 - Apr and May: Overlake Park Presbyterian could potentially host women and families
- Food drive is this weekend. Brooke will get the schedule out.

Strategic Plan:

Reviewed the major changes since the last version. Commission recommended not deleting the Community Engagement/Education strategic priority as suggested by Parks and Human Services Committee (who only saw the framework graphic). Recommended changing the reference from

“Lake Washington School District” to “schools” in order to potentially include institutions of higher education. Also recommended adding “and other key stake holders” to the faith and business communities. Do not recommend adding additional comparisons of demographics to other cities – question the usefulness of this information.

Alternative Funding Approaches:

Reviewed draft PowerPoint presentation for 10/13 joint study session. Discussed basis for per capita funding formula. Request more information on this. Recommend deleting second Challenges to Keeping Up chart, replacing with narrative. “Step Up” needs definition and need for specific recommendations to Council.

Plan: Jason will do overview, each Commissioner take 2-3 slides. Make specific recommendations for Council to consider. Unclear in last 2 slides what we are asking. Jason and Carolyn will meet with staff to clarify and revise.